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**H.B. No. 5531 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH
A MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**

(Your Name and Town) *Ana J. Advocate, Middletown CT*

Good morning/afternoon Senator Coleman, Representative Tong and members of the
Judiciary Committee.

My name is Karen Wilkie and I am a registered voter in the city of Waterbury and I am a
member of the Independence Center.

I am against involuntary outpatient commitment. To be forced to do something, go
someplace that one does not want is not helpful to the individual. In many ways it can
recreate an environment of trauma and make a bad situation worse.

I ask that this act not be passed into law. I feel that it a huge step backwards if it does.
Thank you for your time and reading my testimony.

Sincerely,

Karen Wilkie
Waterbury, CT